

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Mariemont City Schools**

#### **Mariemont Schools Students Showcase New Ohio Art Initiative**

On January 7, an opening exhibition of student artwork from Mariemont and Terrace Park elementary schools formally kicked-off an art education initiative designed to reach classrooms across the state of Ohio. For Mariemont City Schools elementary art teacher, Shelley Komrska, Know It By Art: Ohio (KIBA) reflects over three years of concentrated research and development.

Supported by a dedicated project team, including art teachers and administrators from Mariemont City Schools, KIBA (formerly the Art History of Ohio Project) will provide complete art lessons for grades K-8 showcasing Ohio's best examples of art, architecture and artifacts, and infuses the state's history, geography and culture into each student's creative experience.

The program includes a reference book with 50 lessons, a poster and timeline, a DVD of art images and a website where teachers can access resources and examples and can share ideas.

The initiative is in its final design approval and funding stages. The program has received funding from private foundations and individuals including The Ohio Arts Council, ArtsWave (formerly the Fine Arts Fund), the Mariemont School Foundation and the Ohio National Life Foundation.

The Mariemont/Terrace Park student art exhibit showcases artwork inspired from the lessons included in KIBA. The exhibit can be viewed at the Woman's Art Club Cultural Center (6980 Cambridge Ave, Mariemont) through January 26. Eighty-four students from the two elementaries have their works showcased. Komrska along with Melissa Rupe and Kelley Meyers are the schools' art teachers and organizers of the show.

For further information on the exhibit or KIBA, contact Shelley Komrska at [skomrska@mariemontschools.org](mailto:skomrska@mariemontschools.org).



*ArtBarnCrowd - On January 7, over 200 people attended the opening of the Know It By Art: Ohio student art exhibition from Mariemont Elementary and Terrace Park Elementary.*



*ArtBarnGirls - Mariemont Elementary students Ellery Bledsoe, Erika Dewey, Emery Shelley, Kendall Dewey and Kayla Dewey (along with a future artist) attended the Know It By Art opening.*



*ArtBarnFamily – Terrace Park 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, Jack Neville, shows off his artwork to his family at the Know It By Art opening in Mariemont.*



*ArtBarnPaigePointing – Paige Sawyer, a Terrace Park 2<sup>nd</sup> grader, proudly displays her artwork at the Know It By Art exhibit opening.*



*ArtBarnHSStrings – Members of the Mariemont High School String Orchestra provided a musical backdrop to the district’s elementary art showcase at the Know It By Art exhibit opening in Mariemont.*



*ArtBarnMikesell – Ian Mikesell, a Mariemont Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grader, was one of the 84 elementary school artists from Mariemont and Terrace Park whose works are part of the Know It By Art exhibit at the Woman’s Art Club Cultural Center in Mariemont.*

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